



SpeechWise



Understanding Speech, Language, and Communication Needs

7-11 Years

Parents often notice differences in how their child talks and communicates around this age especially when they start thinking about moving on to secondary school. Make sure your child's teacher is aware of your concerns. You might also want to get advice from one of our expert therapists through our virtual consultation clinic.



What to expect	Signs to watch for	How you can help
• Use language to explain, predict and imagine • Create complex stories involving multiple characters and plots • Use more advanced words • Understanding of the thoughts and feelings of others • Understand longer instructions • Initiate conversation with adults and peers • Speak clearly and is understood by others	• Has difficulty joining in group conversation • Has difficulty telling stories, and the ones they do tell are difficult to follow • Has difficulty understanding and learning new words • Has difficulty understanding conversations about the past or future • Has difficulty predicting what could happen next in a sequence • Has difficulty learning at school	• Ask your child to repeat back instructions and use visuals such as checklists and timetables • Build vocabulary knowledge through association and describing language games • Read and talk together about characters' thoughts, feelings and actions • Talk about tone of voice, facial expression and body language to develop social communication skills

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